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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Consideration of Possible Problems with Regard to Copyright
in the Publication of the USSR and China Mainland Atlases

25X1A9a 1. On 9 June 1959, telephone contact was made with 25X1A9a
25X1A9a of the General Counsel's office (X3436) concerning the
problem of any copyright restrictions or conditions that may apply to
our publication of the atlas of territorial and administrative maps
of the USSR and the atlas of provincial maps of Mainland China.

25X1A9a 2. It was explained to 25X1A9a that the maps being
reproduced in the atlases had been procured on the open market by
the Publications Procurement Officers in Moscow and Hong Kong, and
that we planned to publish reproductions or facsimile copies in
Unclassified atlases with attribution to CIA. He was asked to deter-
mine whether or not there were any copyright complications in such a
proposal for publication.

25X1A9a 3. 25X1A9a called back after investigating the matter
with the Copyright Division of the Library of Congress and its legal
counsel. He reported that Russia and the United States do not have a
copyright agreement, so there is no complication in regard to the USSR
atlas. The United States did have a copyright treaty with old China,
but not with Communist China; in view of the lack of recognition of
Communist China by the United States, there is no copyright problem
here. He indicated that we could proceed with our publication plans
for both atlases without any further concern for the copyright issue.

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